

**Town of Shandaken  
County of Ulster  
State of New York**

**The Town of Shandaken Town Board conducted a Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 7pm. Shandaken Town Hall. 7209 Rt. 28 Shandaken, NY**

**Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call**

**Members Present**                      **Peter DiSclafani – Supervisor  
Kyle Steen – Board Member  
Elizabeth Kneissl – Board Member  
Robert Drake – Board Member**

**Member Absent**                      **Kevin VanBlarcum - Board Member**

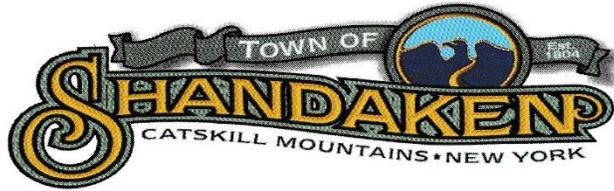
**Recording Secretary**              **Joyce Grant - Town Clerk**

**On a Disclafani/Vanblarcum motion the Town Board unanimously approved the minutes of the previous meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.**



**Town of Shandaken Town Board  
Monthly Meeting Agenda  
Monday, March 6, 2023 - 7pm**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval of previous T/B Meeting minutes**
- 5. Supervisor's Financial Report**
- 6. Communications**
  - a. Ulster Co. Planning – Smart Housing Committee**
- 7. Committee Reports:**
  - a. Ambulance**
  - b. Building/Zoning**
  - c. Police**
  - d. Phoenicia Water**
  - e. Pine Hill Water**
  - f. Museum**
  - g. Recreation**
- 8. Public Comments on Resolutions**
- 9. Motions:**
- 10. Resolutions:**
  - 59- Pay All Bills**
  - 60-Highway – Approve Gravel Crushing Bid**
- 11. Open Public Comment**
- 12. Meeting Adjournment - *IN MEMORY OF – Valentine Schmitt***



## SUPERVISOR'S NOTES - MARCH 2023

This month we are working on grants towards our Conservation Advisory Councils food scrap collections program joined with our recycling and looking for grants for our Comprehensive Plan Update committee.

And tonight, we will have a short presentation by Senior Planner from Ulster County Planning Department, Kai Lord-Farmer about Ulster County Housing Smart Communities Initiative

Our next meeting is April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Peter DiSclafani, Supervisor



## SHANDAKEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Post Office Box 134  
Shandaken, New York 12480  
845-688-9902 . 845-688-9748(b) . 845-688-5332(f)  
CHIEF OF POLICE CHAD STOREY chief@shandakenpolice.org

### February 2023 Monthly Report

INCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER
911 Misdeal/No Voice/Abandoned	4
Accident PIAA/PDAA	10
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Alarm Burglary/Panic/Robbery	2
Animal Complaint/Investigation	5
Assist EMS/Fire	12
Criminal Mischief	
Disorderly Conduct	
Encon Violation	
Larceny	
Community Oriented Policing Project	1
Custody Dispute	
Civil	2
Disabled Vehicle	5
Dispute	1
Domestic Dispute	1
Erratic Vehicle	
Foot Patrol	
Fraud/Larceny	1
Mental Health Law	5

INCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER
Harassment	
Local Law	
Lock Out	4
Lost/Missing Person	1
Noise	1
Property Retrieval/Lost/Found	2
Public Service	1
Open Door	
Property Check	363
Road Hazard	5
School Check	20
Shots Fired	1
Suspicious Activity	2
Traffic Stop	13
Trespass	
Vehicle and Traffic Complaint	2
Welfare Check	14
Warrant	
Total	116

Property Checks 363  
Total w/property checks 479

SUMMONS ISSUED	1
ARRESTS	2



# Town of Shandaken Ambulance Service

**"Committed to Care In the Heart of the Catskills"**

## February 2023 Report

**TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED – 51 (Yet another new record)**

**MUTUAL AID GIVEN- 1 (Town of Olive)**

**MUTUAL AID RECEIVED- 0**

The Ambulance responded to yet another record-breaking number of calls for service in February with 51 calls for service. As February is our shortest month our call volume generally falls below 40. 20 of those calls were to the ski center, and a majority of calls falling on the weekend days. Yet again, many thanks to our weekend crews and backup responders, and to the Fire and Police Departments that assisted us during some of our more complex emergencies.

Another bit of gratitude is extended to our recently retired Paramedic and Deputy Chief James Coddington. Chief Coddington retired last week from our Agency, and is looking forward to a relaxing future with his lovely wife Beth. The relaxation is well deserved, as Chief Coddington has been a NYS Certified Paramedic practicing in the field for more than 25 years. He was instrumental in assisting our Ambulance Service during re-organization about 15 years ago during his tenure as Chief of New Paltz Rescue Squad, and has saved countless lives in his tenure both here and elsewhere. Chief Coddington we wish you the best in your future rest and relaxation- and you will always be a member of our EMS family.

COVID UPDATE- Following the last meeting Councilmember Kneissl brought up a very important and valid point about the COVID numbers provided every month within this report. The numbers provided monthly have come from the Ulster County COVID-19 dashboard, which provided up to date REPORTED cases to the County. This method proved very reliable in the beginning of the Pandemic, however after the advent of home testing it is nearly impossible to have 100% visibility of positive COVID cases affecting our Town. Do all people report their positive case? Well of course not (although they should). In a bit of irony, the County has seemingly discontinued the dashboard as the link goes to the State site. In turn, we will discontinue the reporting as well - after all I'm rather certain we've all had enough of it! Lets hope we don't have to worry about it ever again!

**Stay safe out there!**

*Richard Muellerleide*

### **Supervisor Report March 2023 Revenues**

Ambulance	\$10,654.40
Ambulance Donation	\$100.00
Turkey Trot	\$400.00
NYSLRS-Employee Benefit	\$2,276.71
Tax Warrant	\$2,520,213.00
Town Clerk Fees / EZ Pass	\$391.48
Justice Fees	\$13,056.00
Building Fees	\$7,677.00
Dog Licenses	\$64.50
Zoning Fees	\$275.00
Fuel/Diesel	\$1,971.45
Planning Fees	\$150.00
Higley-Unclassified	\$208.44
Rental/Cell	\$3,052.89
Police Fees	\$15.00
Movie - Town Wide	\$2,365.00
Pine Hill Water 2023 Tax Warrant	\$57,551.00
Phoenicia Water 2023 Tax Warrant	\$70,923.00
Phoenicia Water Unpaid Water	\$16,698.08
Pine Hill Water Unpaid Water	\$18,609.64
Pine Hill Lighting 2023 Tax Warrant	\$6,350.00
Phoenicia Lighting 2023 Tax Warrant	\$10,500.00
Chichater Lighting 2023 Tax Warrant	\$1,575.00
Registrar	\$220.00
PILOT Program/Lieu of Taxes	\$10,137.14
Highway	\$1,356,600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,112,034.73</b>

**Shandaken Building Department  
Monthly Activity List for February 2023**

**Building Permits. 11**

**Demolition Permits 2**

**Building Inspections 18**

**Certificate of Occupancy 7**

**Certificate of Compliance 5**

**Stop Work 0**

**STR inspections on those with violations 3**

**RESOLUTION #59-23**

**OFFERED BY: KNEISSL**

**RESOLUTION TO PAY ALL BILLS**

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Audit and Control require Town Boards to sign and inspect all vouchers coming into the town for payment, to number and total amounts from each fund.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the following vouchers paid:

<b>General</b>	<b>\$ 885,005.86</b>
<b>Highway</b>	<b>119,054.57</b>
<b>Phoenicia Water</b>	<b>10,255.25</b>
<b>Pine Hill Water</b>	<b>21.28</b>
<b>Phoenicia Lights</b>	<b>732.02</b>
<b>Chichester Lights</b>	<b>93.35</b>
<b>Pine Hill Lights</b>	<b>420.61</b>
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	<b>\$ 1,015,553.04</b>

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: STEEN

**ROLL CALL**

	AYES	NAYS
<b>BOARD MEMBER DRAKE</b>	__X__	_____
<b>BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL</b>	__X__	_____
<b>BOARD MEMBER STEEN</b>	__X__	_____
<b>BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM</b>	ABSENT	_____
<b>SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI</b>	__X__	_____

**RESOLUTION #60-23**

**OFFERED BY DISCLAFANI**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING GRAVEL CRUSHING BID**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Shandaken Highway Department advertised for bids for crushing of item 4 at the Town owned gravel bank following the Town Board meeting on

February 6, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received at the Town Clerk’s Office, Shandaken Town Hall, 7209 Route 28, PO Box 67, Shandaken, NY 12480 no later than 3pm on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with bids to be opened at the Town Board meeting on the same date at 7pm;

**Seward Sand & Gravel, 532 Cty Hwy 58 Oneonta NY 13820**  
3/4” minus 7000tons \$12 per ton, 1” minus 7000 tons \$10 per ton

**NY Crushing & Recycling 728 Dewitt Lake Rd. Ulster NY 12401**  
3/4” minus 7000 tons \$9.25 per ton, 1” minus 7000 tons. \$9.25 per ton

**Northern Crushing 279 Troy Rd Rensselaer, NY 12144**  
3/4” minus 7000 \$8.00 per ton, 1” minus 7000 \$8.00 per ton

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Shandaken Town Board approve the bid from

**Northern Crushing 279 Troy Rd Rensselaer, NY 12144**  
3/4” minus 7000 \$8.00 per ton, 1” minus 7000 \$8.00 per ton

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: **DRAKE**

**ROLL CALL**

	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
<b>BOARD MEMBER DRAKE</b>	<u>  X  </u>	_____
<b>BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL</b>	<u>  X  </u>	_____
<b>BOARD MEMBER STEEN</b>	<u>  X  </u>	_____
<b>BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM</b>	ABSENT	_____
<b>SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI</b>	<u>  X  </u>	_____

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speakers included: Ulster County Smart Housing Comm. Kai Lord-Farmer,  
Sophie Grant – Farmers Market in Pine Hill will be moving back to Phoenicia in April 7<sup>th</sup>,  
Beth Waterman – Town Wide Food Waste Recycling Program  
Gisi Vella – Morton Mem. Pine Hill Library – Mid Hudson Grant for repairs on Library  
Colleen McCullough – Pine Hill Comm. Center. Spring Break Kids Program in April 3-7  
for kids 9-3pm.  
Philip Mones – Short Term Rental issues.  
Rob Stanley – Question on resolution & Revenue for Filming project at Pho. Diner

**Shandaken Historical Museum Report for February 2023**

Among our 36 visitors this month is our new friend and volunteer Liam. He has returned repeatedly and is volunteering his time working at the museum. He’s a great help and our next project will be setting up an eBay account so the museum can find buyers for the donated items that are not part of Shandaken history. Many of which are books and postcards. Liam is a blessing; we’ll miss him when he graduates this year and goes off to college.  
We’re still sharing our history online and have quite a few followers. We also received a five star review this month from Sam F. after giving them a tour.  
WE have many ongoing projects via email as well. Author Dennis Dickinson is writing a book about the artwork of Gerald Cassidy, a painter who was commissioned by Walter G. Crump to do a portrait of Rip Van Winkle. We are helping him gather information on the painting. Another local artist, Gail Freund, simply requires help by sharing images of local farms for her to paint. A visit from Sandra Gambetti, a professor in handwriting and documentation needs images of old documents written in cursive\script to teach in her classes. Marcy Brownstein would like a history\property search on the Kingston Trust

Savings Bank in Phoenicia. Our friend Chris Van Kleek, historian for the Winnisook Club sent me a video of Oliverea right after hurricane Irene hit. Last but not least with the help of Jane Rossitz and Mark Bedell I was able to help Tess Chawi locate her Grandparents old home in Oliverea, the Webb home and "Gypsy Cottage" where they stayed when visiting. The bundles of newspapers have been sorted and the Rossitz family with the help of Mark Bedell will bring us more recorded history soon. Catskill Mountain Newspapers are only archived from 1902 – 1973, so this is an important task, many Rossitz bundles are dated after 1973 also the Newspaper is no longer in print as of January 2020.

Again we're looking forward to some fun in June the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> is when our Metal Detecting friends will return for our fundraiser for the Shandaken Historical Museum. Please call 845-254-4460 or email us at [shandakenmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:shandakenmuseum@gmail.com) to participate. We need more historic properties for the hunt.

Our repairs from last year are still waiting for Vinnie Sorbellini to return, with a few new ones.

Thank you for your support,  
Kathleen Myers\Director\Historian

On a Steen/Kneissl Motion, the Town Board adjourned at 7:50

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023

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Joyce Grant – Town Clerk